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ODESSA MAN INDICTED FOR STEALING OVER \$120,000 WORTH OF ELECTRONICS AND SELLING THEM ON THE INTERNET

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced today that a federal grand jury in Midland returned an indictment against Thomas Roy Mitchell for stealing over \$120,000 worth of electronics from Harold's Electronics in Odessa and selling the merchandise on the internet.

The indictment charges the Odessa resident with one count of wire fraud. The indictment alleges that between July 2002 and August 2005, Mitchell, a store employee, stole various electronics including CD players, DVD players and amplifiers then sold them on the internet using the screen name "homereatsdonuts" on "www.ebay.com". The indictment also contains a criminal forfeiture notice in which the government is seeking a monetary judgement against Mitchell in the amount of \$120,247.00.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Odessa Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney John Klassen is prosecuting the case on behalf of the Government.

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